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Applicant(s): NINOMIYA, et al.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

May 3, 2002

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time to permit filing a response within the first month subsequent to expiration of the shortened statutory period set in the outstanding Office Action mailed January 3, 2002. A Credit Card Payment Form in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the required fee for the requested extension of time is attached hereto.

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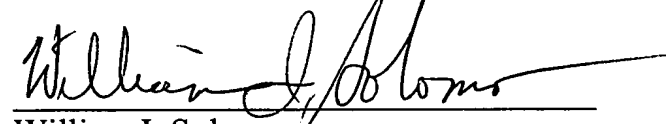
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It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 396.40405X00).

Respectfully submitted,

ANTONELLI, TERRY STOUT & KRAUS, LLP

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William I. Solomon", written over a horizontal line.

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